



# STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** District Superintendents  
District Transportation Supervisors  
School Business Officials

**FROM:** Tim W. Camp, Director  
Office of Transportation

**DATE:** August 11, 2014

**RE:** Quarterly Fuel Cost Adjusted Permit Rate – August 1, 2014-October 31, 2014  
The Fuel Cost Adjusted School Bus/Boat Per Mile Permit Rate effective 8/1/14 and continuing to at least 10/31/14 is **\$1.86**.

Please review this memorandum for planning purposes. Should a legislative change occur which would affect the following information, we will notify you as soon as possible. In accordance with South Carolina Board of Education (SCBE) policy, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) Quarterly Fuel Cost for the period of August 1, 2014 through October 31, 2014, has been calculated; effective August 1, 2014, the Fuel Cost Adjusted School Bus/Boat Per Mile Permit Rate will be \$1.86 per mile. The fuel cost adjustment for the past quarter showed an increase of \$0.02 per mile; since this change is less than \$0.05 per mile, the SCDE School Bus/Boat Per Mile Fuel Cost Rate will not be adjusted. Due to the change in the base fuel rate, the fuel cost permit rate will be adjusted. The below table presents the Fuel Cost Adjusted School Bus/Boat Per Mile Permit Rates.

Period	Rate	Permit Rate Adjustment
<b>FY 2014-2015 Base Rate</b>	<b>\$1.51</b>	
Quarterly Fuel Cost Adjustments		
February 1, 2014-April 30, 2014	1.83	\$-.0197
May 1, 2014-July 31, 2014	1.83	\$-.0043
<b>August 1, 2014-October 31, 2014</b>	<b>1.86</b>	<b>\$-.0166</b>

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In a communication dated February 18, 2011, districts were advised of the FY 2011-2012 school bus/boat per mile permit base rate of \$1.38. This Fuel Cost Adjusted School Bus/Boat Per Mile Permit Rate continuing reflects a \$0.18 fuel costs per mile increase over fuel costs calculated in the FY 2011-2012 Base Rate.

On August 14, 2008, the SCDE notified school districts of the August 13, 2008, SCBE approved amendment to establish a quarterly fuel cost adjustment to the existing SCDE Per Mile Permit Rate. The amending language reads as follows.

*The approved Total SCDE Per Mile Permit Rate shall have a fuel cost adjustment applied when the previous calendar year quarter's average fuel cost per mile changes more than five cents (\$0.05). A fuel cost adjustment per mile calculation will be done by the SCDE at the end of each quarter. A fuel cost adjustment will take effect immediately after written notification to the school districts.*

The policy adopted by the SCBE on May 11, 2005, created a methodology to annually calculate the school bus/boat per mile permit rate. This calculation method was used to establish a per mile permit base rate for FY 2010-2011 of \$1.32; that became effective July 1, 2010. Districts were advised of this rate change in a January 25, 2010, memorandum sent to district superintendents.

Based on the fuel cost adjustment methodology, school districts were advised quarterly last year of SCDE calculated School Bus/Boat Per Mile Permit Rate Fuel Cost Adjustments. For FY 2014–2015, the first quarter's School Bus/Boat Per Mile Permit Fuel Rate Cost Adjustment is \$1.86 and will take effect August 1, 2014, through October 31, 2014.

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